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## **SCOTTSBLUFF WOMAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING CLIENT FUNDS**

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Karen C. Adams, formerly of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of embezzling approximately \$26,113.69 from her former employer, Safe Harbor, Inc, between May 1, 2008 and September 9, 2009. Safe Harbor, Inc. is a representative payee serving approximately 160 clients in western Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota who receive Social Security Supplemental Income and Social Security Disability Income benefits.

The indictment alleges Adams converted money and property by withdrawing funds from Safe Harbor client accounts with checks written to various vendors and businesses, which were then used to purchase items and services for Adams's personal use. Adams also allegedly took unauthorized salary advances and wrote checks from the Safe Harbor account, payable to herself, which she then deposited into her personal checking account.

If convicted, Adams could face up to 10 years in prison, a fine up to \$250,000, up to three years of supervised release following any period of incarceration, a \$100 special assessment, and restitution to the victims.

The case was investigated by the Scottsbluff Police Department and the Office of Inspector General of the Social Security Administration.

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